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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,257,629, granted July 10, 2001, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled *AUTOMATIC PROCESS AND MACHINE FOR WEAVING ONE CONTINUOUS ROPE*.

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as reissue application number _____.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply).

- ☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.
- ☒ by reason the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.
- ☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below.

Claim 1 of the original '629 patent unnecessarily includes several limitations which upon review were not required for patentability. Specifically, claim 1 includes limitations requiring: providing a circular bobbin; and a circular capturing device at the end of the rods. These and other limitations were not required for patentability. The claims of the reissue application remove these and other unnecessary limitations from the independent claims and place them in dependent claims.

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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